



KTA- COMPETE CAPACITY ENHANCING TO SUSTAINABILITY

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1. OBJECTIVE

The core objective of this report is to highlight on the key activities undertaken and the extents to which targets set for the month of October, 2012 have been met.

The analysis has been based on the three (3) pillars outlined in the KTA Strategic Plan namely;

- Advocacy.
- Institutional Development and Sustainability.
- Member Services.

NARRATIVE REPORTS

2 ADVOCACY.

2.1 Joint Border Committee Meeting

On October 8-9 2012, KTA attended a meeting at the Whitesands hotel in Mombasa on institutionalization of the Joint Border Committees organized by the Ministry of Trade and facilitated by USAID-COMPETE. The objective of the meeting was to discuss modalities of mainstreaming the Joint Border Committees into the National Central Coordination Mechanism. The Joint Border Committees established with the key objective of facilitating trade by improving on clearance processes at various crossing border points, are to be integrated into the National Trade Facilitation - Central Coordination Mechanism (NTF-CCM).

Joint Border Committee is an institutional arrangement set up at the border to facilitate multi-sectoral collaboration between key government agencies and the private sector for the purpose of identifying critical operational challenges at the border and developing local solutions to overcome these challenges. At the meeting whose chief guest was the Minister for Trade, KTA was represented by the CEO and the Program Officer.



Participants at the Joint Border Committee Meeting.

2.2 Northern Corridor Road Survey

On October 17th - 23rd 2012, KTA participated in a road survey undertaking organized by the Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority, NC-TTCA. The trip which began from the Inland Container depot in Kisumu examined structures at the Kisumu KPA/KR Pier, examined activities along the northern corridor route as detailed here below;

1. Update on KPA Mombasa and Kisumu Ports clearance processes
2. Update on customs clearance processes at the Mombasa Port and along the NC transit sections in Kenya
3. Use of Inco-terms and its benefits - Kenya Maritime Authority
4. The Electronic Single Window System and its benefits.
5. Role of the trader in facilitation of the clearance of goods by the clearing agents at Mombasa Port.

The program ended with a plenary at Gatuna border town in Rwanda on 22nd October 2012.



KTA program Officer (middle) with team members at the Mpondwe Congo-Uganda border

2.3 Port Meeting to Review KPA operations Targets

KTA attended the port meeting that was convened on 24th October, 2012 upon request by stakeholders to review KPA targets on vessel productivity currently given as 19 gross moves/hour and 21 net moves/hour, Road deliveries currently given as 5100 units per week and Rail deliveries currently given as 480 units per week.

2.4 KPA Safety Week

KTA participated in the KPA Safety Week organized between 22nd – 26th October, 2012. Among the activities undertaken during the event included inspection of operational areas, safety exhibitions by different departments of KPA and spot checks on transport vehicles.

On the final day of the event, KTA CEO addressed the participants on the role of KTA in enhancing safety in the port. The CEO outlined some of the measures put in place by KTA in this respect such as; Establishment of the Heavy Commercial Vehicles drivers training institute; Self regulation/ code of conduct; Defensive driving trainings as well as fleet safety and management training; Use of KTA publications to disseminate information of road safety thereby creating the much needed awareness.

Among the KTA members awarded in the various categories included; Shreeji Enterprises and Civicon Limited.



KTA CEO delivers a speech on the role of KTA in enhancing safety in the port.



KTA CEO presents an award to Mr. Hari Soni of Shreeji Enterprises.

2.5 Kenya Maritime Authority Workshop

The workshop was convened on 31st October, 2012 to discuss a report of the Training Needs Assessment undertaken by the Kenya Institute of Education for KMA. The training needs analysis is meant to identify maritime training requirement instructive in developing a National Curriculum for the Land Based Maritime Transport Services Providers (LBMTSP).

The Kenya Maritime Authority has identified shortage of skilled manpower in among others seafaring, maritime finance, shipbroking, logistics and port terminals as a major setback in the growth of the maritime industry. The TNA therefore sought to;

1. Establish skills and competences for the Land Based Maritime Service Providers;
2. Establish knowledge necessary for the Land Based Maritime Service Providers;
3. Determine values and attitudes required by Land Based Maritime Service Providers;
4. Establish suitable assessment methods for the Land Based Maritime Service Providers' training;
5. Determine the appropriate certification for the Land Based Maritime Service Providers' training;
6. Determine the qualifications of the Land Based Maritime Service Providers trainers at craft and diploma levels;
7. Establish resources required for the Land Based Maritime Service Providers training.

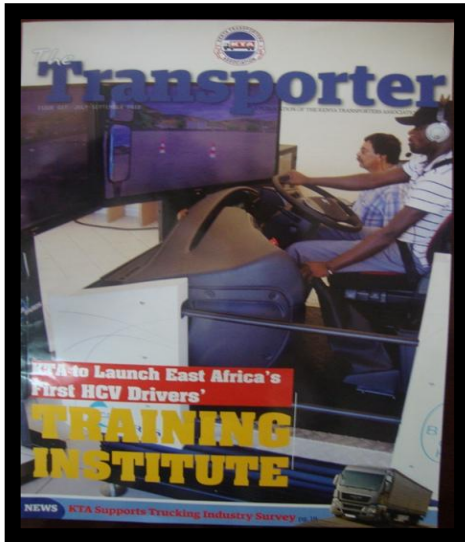


Participants at the KMA workshop. Seated front row on the right is KTA CEO – Jane Njeru. A number of KTA members participated in the training needs survey.

3 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY.

3.1 The Transporter Issue No. 17

The KTA Secretariat received 1800 copies of the 17th edition of the transporter from the printer on 16th October, 2012. Subsequently, a total of 1650 copies were distributed to members and stakeholders between 18th – 26th October, 2012



4 MEMBER SERVICES

4.1 Transit Observatory Project Workshop

On October 31st - November 1st 2012, KTA participated in a two (2) day workshop on the Transport Observatory Project at the Eden Resort Hotel in Mombasa.

The Transport Observatory Project is spearheaded by NC-TTCA and KTA and facilitated by TMEA. During this meeting, KTA was represented by the Program Officer and the IT Consultant.

The main objective of the meeting was to;

1. Get a status update of on various aspects the Transport Observatory Project.
2. Look at all data available and propose what to prioritize in the report for the official launch of the Transport Observatory Project on 6th December 2012.
3. Develop a work plan for the next steps before and after the official launch.